

Plan a Trip to a Historical Society

A local or state historical society can be a great source of information about your state's history. When you call or visit, what will you ask? Does the society have a museum or documents? Will you interview someone, or will you look at his or her documents?

Getting Started

1. Read "Plan an Interview" on page 5 if you want to interview one of the people at the historical society.
2. Think about the tips below before you call or visit a local historical society.

Find Out

- **Start with exhibits.** Ask if there are any special exhibits about the state's history on display.
- **Ask about documents.** Ask to read documents about a time in your state's history.
- **Interview a historian.** Ask a historian questions about a time in your state's history.
- **Study photographs.** Look through the historical society's collection of photographs to find images that show important events in your state.
- **Make a timeline.** Use the resources to help you make a timeline about your state's history.